

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
U.S. Application Not Yet Filed

**REMARKS**

An error in the title is corrected.

With respect to the change page 61, specifically at line 13, changing "nitrogen" to --hydrogen--, Process 2 of Example 1 is an embodiment of Process 6 at page 28. The corresponding starting compound is compound (V) represented in Scheme 3 wherein M<sup>1</sup> is a benzyl group; X<sup>1</sup> is N; X<sup>2</sup> and X<sup>4</sup> are C-CH<sub>3</sub>; X<sup>3</sup> is CH; and R is a 3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl group. The corresponding product is compound (III) represented in Scheme 3 wherein X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup>, X<sup>3</sup>, X<sup>4</sup> and R have the same meanings. Therefore, the need for the change would be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art.

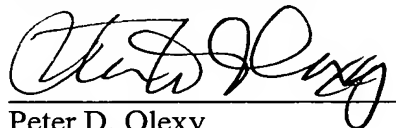
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